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PATENT  
450100-3752.1**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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 Serial No. : 09/910,288  
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 For : INFORMATION RETRIEVAL APPARATUS AND METHOD  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

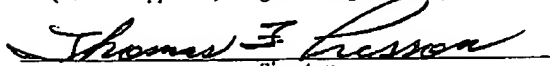
(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
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Independent claims	7	Minus	7 =	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0.00

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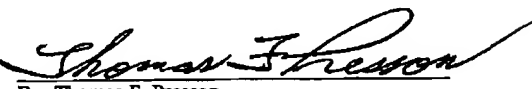
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 19, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on July 19, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-captioned application as follows.